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MUCUS SECRETION

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herein for filing under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility (divisional) patent application for the invention entitled METHOD FOR TREATING A MUCUS SECRETION invented by K. Roger Aoki et al. This application is continuation in part of pending application serial number 09/487,477, filed January 19, 2000, which is a divisional of pending application serial number 08/627,118, filed April 3, 1996, which is a continuation of application serial number 08/173,996, filed December 28, 1993, now abandoned.

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- (x) Specification (27 pages) 16 Claims (3 pages); Abstract (1 page)
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- (x) 2 Terminal Disclaimers
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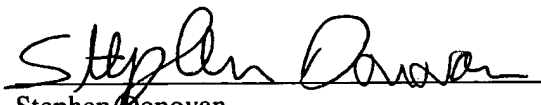
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A copy of an assignment bestowing all interest in this application to Allergan Sales, Inc is enclosed.

Applicants hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 from pending application serial number 09/487,477, filed January 19, 2000, from pending application serial number 08/627,118, filed April 3, 1996, which was a continuation of application serial number 08/173,996, filed December 28, 1993, now abandoned, the contents of which prior filed applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties into the application filed herein.

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LETTER TO EXAMINER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This application is a continuation-in-part of serial number 09/487,477, filed January 19, 2000 (the parent application"), which is a divisional of serial number 08/627,118, filed April 3, 1996, which is a continuation of serial number 08/173,996, filed December 28, 1993, now abandoned.

The November 6, 2001 office action in the parent application serial number 09/487,477 has only double patenting rejections over serial numbers 08/627,118 and 09/490,754. There are no remaining art or Section 112 rejections of the claims in the parent application serial number 09/487,477. The broadest claim remaining in the parent application serial number 09/487,477 is :

"A method for treating a mucus secretion of a patient, the method comprising the step of administering to a patient an effective

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amount of a botulinum toxin in order to reduce a mucus secretion of the patient."

The broadest claim in the present application is:

A method for treating a mucus secretion of a patient, the method comprising the step of administering to a patient an effective amount of a botulinum toxin in order to reduce a mucus secretion of the patient, wherein the mucus secretion is not a symptom of rhinorrhea.

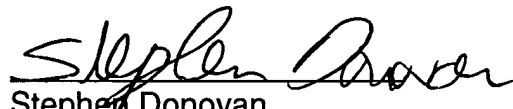
Hence, the present claims are more narrow than the claims last pending in the parent application, serial number 09/487,477.

Enclosed are two executed terminal disclaimers over serial numbers 08/627,118 and 09/490,754.

Thus, the present claims are in condition for allowance and allowance of claims 1-16 is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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